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Comment:

New Program Quietly Wins Latin Praise

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We are so accustomed to hearing the loud and angry voices of Latin America, often those of propagandists and politicians, that we almost miss the quiet ones. Today thruout 11 countries, Latin Americans without any dramatics, are telling their countrymen about the success of a new program called the Partners of the Alliance.

Under this officially-sponsored program, 28 U.S. States have organized committees to work with state or national committees in Latin America. The American groups are hard at work on specific Latin American problems.

Doubters and scoffers who would like to believe the American people are not interested in Latin America and not sympathetic to their anxiety for better conditions of life should take a look at the names on the U.S. state committees.

HAVE KNOW HOW

They are made up of our most serious and effective citizens, representing many walks of life. Nearly every name on the long lists has a title or office that represents achievement.

These Americans are investing their knowledge, their energy and their influence in helping Latin Americans help themselves.

Alabama is working with Guatemala, Arizona with El Salvador, Colorado, a mining state, with Brazil's great mining state, Minas Geraes. Little Delaware is co-operating with little Panama. Idaho with Ecuador, Michigan with Columbia's Cauca Valley, Texas with Peru . . . and so on down to Wyoming, teamed with the state of Golas, Brazil.

The local news stories in Latin America that are spreading the word about these

activities are not scare-head articles. But they are many.

HEADLINES

When a group of Texans traveled down to Lima, Peru, to spur activities, Lima's "La Tribuna", organ of the mass party, APRA, titled the story: "Texans Study Peruvian Realities." Lima's "Comercio Grafico" headlined: "Texas 'Associates' of Peru Arrive."

Lima's "La Prensa" reported how the Texas visitors met with Peru's free labor leaders. Lima's "Ultima Hora" published a box with the head: "Texas Gringos Come to Lend A Hand."

"The Voice of Tarma" is a small-town paper whose type is still set by hand. The secretary of the Central Peruvian Farm Workers Federation, while on a visit to the U.S. under the Alliance program, wrote a letter to "The Voice" in which he said Americans have made a great nation by sinking political differences in a common cause. He advised Peruvians to do the same.

Similar reports are multiplying thruout Latin America as the Partners in Progress activities bear fruit. They are a powerful antidote against the communist propaganda that constantly hammers away at Latin American minds.